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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A
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APPLICANT(S): Wilhelm-Martin PLOTZ et al.
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INVENTION: **OPTICAL UNIDIRECTIONAL RING NETWORK**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced PCT application, and request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the United States Examination Phase.

IN THE CLAIMS:

On substitute page 6:

replace line 1 with --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--;

Please replace original claims 1-7 with the following rewritten claims 1-7, referring to the mark-ups in Appendix A.

1. (Amended) An add-drop arrangement for a unidirectional optical ring network for launching and outputting optical signals, comprising:
a grating filter, designed as a bandstop filter, for said optical ring network for outputting optical signals;

a first coupler having one input, to which incoming signals are fed, and two outputs which are a first output and a second output; and

a second optical coupler that is connected to said first output, said second optical coupler being designed as a grating filter with bandstop properties, the